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Speaker shares 'Black Year'

By Andrew Crivilare
Staff Reporter

In 2008, the same year the first black president was elected, Maggie Anderson, a Oak Park resident, made a decision to help the black community in her own way and experiment with buying from strictly black-owned businesses.

Anderson spoke at Eastern to share the results of her project and the book it spawned, "Our Black Year: One Family's Quest to Buy Black in America's Racially Divided Economy" on Tuesday.

Anderson said the project began with general expectations that black residents were not supporting businesses in their own communities, but as the project continued, she learned more about how wide-spread the problem is.

"Out of one trillion dollars in buying power black communities have, three percent make it back to black communities," Anderson said.

By not supporting local black businesses, community residents were turning their backs on businesses that were most likely to hire African Americans, Anderson said.

"The unemployment rate in black communities is three, four, even five times higher than the national average," Anderson said. "If we remain the permanent underclass, it will be our fault."

Anderson said her and her husband worried about the repercussions for the youngest members of their community who do not have role models in the business community the way they once did.

"We thought about how a black child can go their entire life without meeting one black business owner," Anderson said. "Today that's all gone, and what's worse, is some people don't care."

Anderson said her family's experi-



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Maggie Anderson, co-author of "Our Black Year," speaks on the economic suffering within the African American community Tuesday during the "Our Black Year" event for African American Heritage Month. The book is an account of her family's year of buying from only black owned business. Anderson is the CEO and co-founder of the Empowerment Experiment Foundation.

ment buying from all black businesses was met with harsh criticism by some who accused them of racism.

"We're not saying it's black America versus white America," she said. "Our Black Year' says that we're Americans too."

Anderson said the project found success and prompted her and her husband to begin the Empowerment Experiment Foundation, dedicated to supporting black businesses and owners.

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STUDENT LIFE

Black Knights form brotherhood bonds

By Robyn Dexter
Campus Editor

Brotherhood is a bond found by related brothers, fraternity brothers and some group members. For the Black Knights of the Embarras, brotherhood is a bond that is deeper than a fraternity bond and more real than the bond of family members.

The Black Knights of the Embarras is a group that seeks to form camaraderie and friendship among student veterans, traditional and nontraditional students and their families, as well as to provide support.

Dwayne Jones, the group's president, said his transition to Eastern from Afghanistan was not an easy one.

He connected with Mike Ruybal, the veterans and military personnel student services coordinator, who recommended the Black Knights to him.

Since they shared similar mindsets and ideals, they were able to form the bond that current members share as well, Jones said.

After Jones joined the group, he said he began to better adapt to the changes in atmosphere.

He met other members of the group and began going to social events with them.

"I started making friendships and ties that had value to me," he said. "I realized the amount of potential the group had and how much we could do here on campus."

Jones said since other members of the group had been through the same transition from stricter military life to college life, they were experiencing

the same troubles getting adjusted.

BKE Vice President Josh Reeter said the Black Knights helped with his transition to Eastern as well.

"I had just gotten out of the Marines, and was having a lot of anxiety (when I started at Eastern)," Reeter said.

Reeter's academic adviser recommended him to Ruybal, who then encouraged Reeter to come to a meeting.

"I found that network, and we've pretty much created our own little family," Reeter said. "I'm a lot closer to these guys than I am to my own family."

Reeter said the driving force behind him being at Eastern is because of the Black Knights and what they stand for.

John Mefford, treasurer of the Black Knights, said he decided not to join the group when he first came to Eastern in 2010, but eventually started coming to meetings and joined.

"We really have become a second family," Mefford said. "We're here for each other no matter what, regardless of the good times and the bad times."

Mefford said the Black Knights as a "learning environment" for the members.

He said he identifies with the group because it is much like the camaraderie and brotherhood he had in the military.

Tommy Hamilton, the BKE secretary, joined the military when he turned 17.

He went to basic training just out of high school, and came to Eastern last spring.

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CITY

Council votes to reduce speed on Fourth Street

By Kathryn Richter
City Editor

The Charleston City Council unanimously voted to reduce the speed limit on Fourth Street to 20 mph during Tuesday's meeting.

City Council Member Larry Rennels said other ordinance changes will be coming before the city council in the near future to address the issue of pedestrian safety in other parts of Charleston.

Dan Nadler, the vice president for student affairs, also spoke before the council, stating Eastern was in support of the change.

"This year in particular, the improvements have been very dramatic and extremely successful," Nadler said.

Nadler said the difference between driving down Fourth Street at 30 mph versus 20 mph is 23 seconds.

Nadler said he noticed more

drivers driving slower and more courteous pedestrians since the new safety measures have been put in place.

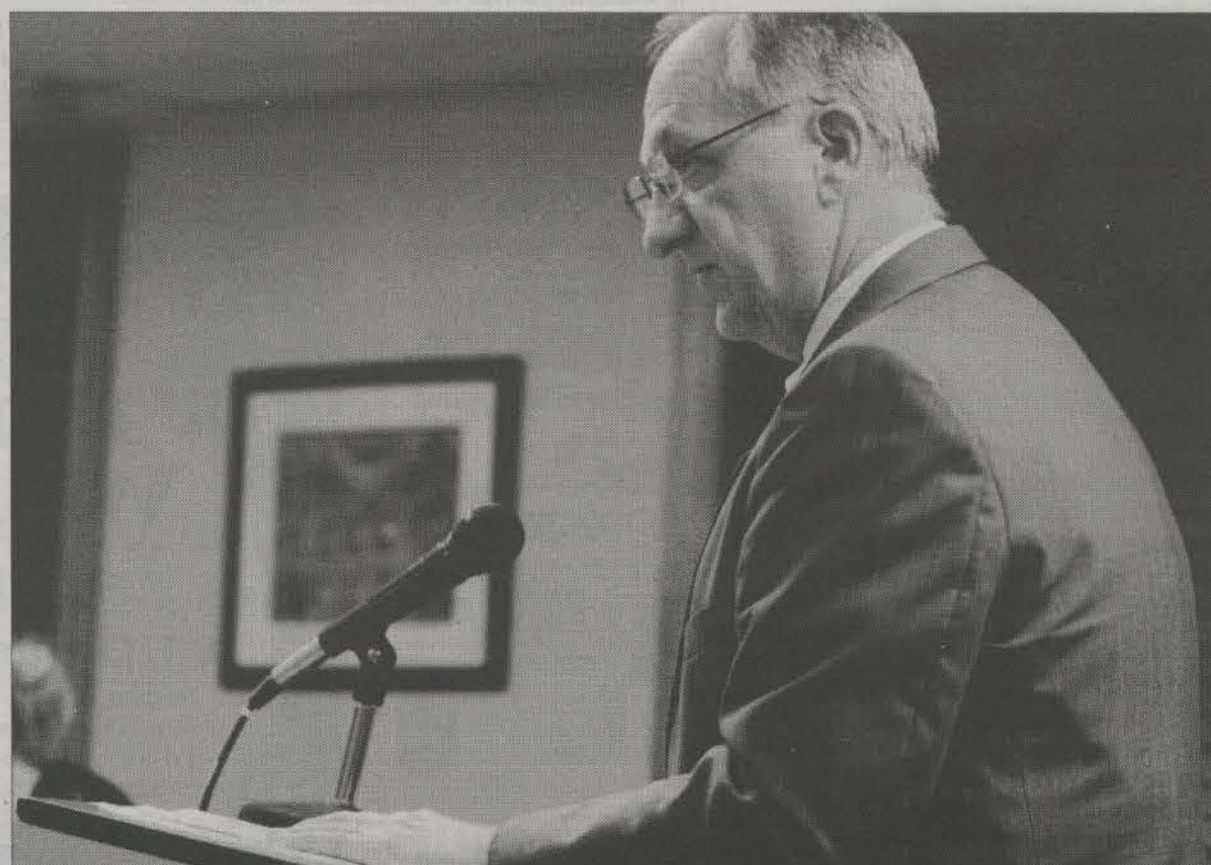
Ken Baker, the director of campus recreation, said as a lifelong resident of Charleston and 20-year employee of Eastern, he is driving down Fourth Street everyday.

"We do thank you for the improvement of Fourth Street," Baker said.

Rennels said he has heard citizens voice concern over the speed limit change, but believes most people are voicing concern out of frustration for having more restrictions put on Fourth Street when pedestrians are not as careful as they should be.

City Manager Scott Smith said he does not see a substantial change in the speed limit, so Smith said he does not see a big change in the new ordinance.

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Dan Nadler, vice president for academic affairs, takes the floor on behalf of Eastern at Tuesday's city council meeting to give approval for the 20 mph speed limit ordinance for Fourth Street.

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VOLUNTEER

Men heat up the kitchen for charity

Participants include
City Attorney,
CFD chief

By Avery Drake
Staff reporter

The Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois plans to turn a regular Saturday night into a cook-off for a cause.

Tina Huston, a family advocate with the Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois, said the "Men Who Cook" event will feature about 30 different men from the area and their cooking talents.

Huston said participants include City Attorney Brian Bowler, Pat Goodwin, the chief of the Charleston Fire Department and Detective Tony West with the Charleston Police Department.

"I don't think I've ever eaten anything that the men have cooked that was horrible," Huston said. "I would compare some of the food to what you see on

the Food Network."

"(The event is) comprised of men in the area who bring a potluck type dish," Huston said.

Huston said there are four different food categories taste testers will be judging: appetizers, entrées, side dishes and desserts.

"The people who come to the tasting get to taste each chef's dish and then vote for their favorite chef," Huston said.

"I know we have a buffalo chicken chili in the lineup, and we also have a sage dressing and cowboy beans," Huston said about the different dishes being served.

George Edwards, 2011 Master Chef, made a bread pudding, winning him the top title last year.

"Desserts tend to win master chef because we all have a sweet tooth," Huston said. "It's amazing some of the dishes the men come up with; some are complex and some are simple."

Huston said only the second, third and fourth place winners

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Tina Huston, a family advocate with the Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois

will be announced.

Huston estimated 200 people came to the 2011 cook-off and hopes to see the same number at the Feb. 11 event.

"We advocate for about 200 children and families each year," Huston said. "The money we raise with 'Men Who Cook' goes toward services we (Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois) provide, like gas cards."

The event will take place at the Life Span Center, right be-

hind Sarah Bush Lincoln Hospital in Mattoon and will last from 6-10 p.m.

Huston said the center is asking for donations from the public if they want to attend the tasting.

"We're asking for a \$25 donation at the door, or you can call us and make a reservation," Huston said.

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WELLNESS

Eastern program encourages fitness

Old program
gets updated
for student life

Jonathan Posch
Staff Reporter

This time last year Eastern students had both EIU Moves and the Total Wellness Takeover programs to help get them in shape, but now EIU Moves has been cut. In its place is a revamped version of the Total Wellness Takeover.

Michael Ann Kelly, the Nutrition Education Coordinator, said she hopes the program will bring a healthier lifestyle to those that are participating.

Kelly said she thought last year's Total Wellness Takeover asked a lot from the participating students, perhaps too much.

"They had meetings to go to every week and assignments to complete over WebCT," Kelly

said. "That didn't turn out the greatest."

Stacking meetings and assignments on top of an already busy student schedule made it that much harder for students to commit to their fitness goals, she said.

Kelly said changes are being made to streamline the process, while simultaneously broadening the scope of the program.

Kelly said while the general goal is still weight loss, but the main focus is now on empowering students to totally change their lifestyle for the better.

In the beginning, those participating will be asked to write down their future goals along with their current weight and height.

For two weekdays and one day on the weekend, the students will monitor and document their nutritional intake.

From there a computer program analyzes the data and presents a rough outline of vitamins

and minerals that the students may be lacking, as well as nutrients that their bodies may have an over abundance of, Kelly said.

Now instead of meetings every week like last year, everything is done over email.

Different themes are sent out at the beginning of each week as well as a new healthy recipe for those staying in the residence halls and for those students living off campus in a house or apartment, Kelly said.

Another change from last year is the addition of a certified personal trainer who is available for one-on-one meetings throughout the program.

A member of the Student Recreation Center staff will also be giving tours of the various machines and their functions for those who are unfamiliar.

The fitness and nutritional aspect to the program students' overall health is being covered by Peer Health Educator Britta Meding.

Meding is in charge of managing a student's stress levels or sleeping schedule or anything else that does not have to do with working out or eating right.

A trip to County Market is planned in the coming weeks where students will get a tour of the store as well as learn to properly read labels and nutritional facts.

Over the 12-week program, students can expect to lose one to two pounds per week, though it will vary from student to student, Kelly said.

"Over the course of 12 weeks I would not expect them to drop a significant amount of weight," Kelly said. "The main principle we're emphasizing is building good habits that will allow you to motivate yourself going forward."

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VALENTINE'S DAY

Students share plans to celebrate holiday

By Sarah Crawford
Staff Reporter

Valentine's Day is in less than a week and students are busy planning their romantic holiday.

Whether you are happily in love, meeting someone new or flying solo this Valentine's Day, the big question is 'how are you planning to celebrate?'

Shawn Clary, a senior family and consumer sciences major, said she is looking forward to celebrating the holiday with her boyfriend.

"I'm making him take me to Champaign for dinner and buy me something nice," Clary joked.

Aseret Gonzalez, senior sociology major, said she plans on getting out of Charleston to celebrate.

"My long-term boyfriend doesn't go to school here so we're celebrating the weekend before," Gonzalez said. "We're going to Medieval Times and then going to Goose Island for a brewery tour."

For those students who are choosing to stay in Charleston with their significant others for their Valentine's Day, the list of options is a bit smaller.

Dinner and a movie is the general consensus for students like Brittany Morgan, a sophomore psychology major.

"I'll be going to see 'The Vow' and to dinner at Buffalo Wild

Wings with my boyfriend," Morgan said.

Taylor Murphy, a junior elementary education and special education major, said she plans on attending the movie as well.

"I'm going to dinner with my boyfriend and then dragging him to go see 'The Vow' with me," Murphy said.

Students are also spending Valentine's Day by having a romantic night in.

Alex Harsha, a junior biological sciences major, said she plans on doing just that with her boyfriend.

"My boyfriend and I are talking about making dinner together and renting some movies," Harsha said. "If you're staying in for the holiday, that's no reason to forget about the typical Valentine's Day gifts everyone loves. I'm hoping I'll get some pretty roses and chocolates too."

Patrick Berkheimer, a senior history major, said cooking dinner in with a significant other is a perfect night in plan.

"I'm thinking of making a candle light dinner for my girlfriend and taking her to a movie," Berkheimer said.

Berkheimer said he needs to start planning his Valentine's Day.

When it comes to Valentine's Day plans, many guys have not put a lot of thought into them yet. Michael Bezruki, a sophomore business man-



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Crystan Wilson, a sophomore health studies major, works on a Valentine's Day card for SCS in the Bridge Lounge of the Union on February 7. All of the handmade cards made went to local retirement homes.

agement major, said he is not exactly sure of his plans yet, but "a date and buying her flowers will be involved."

Ali Hearn, a sophomore elementary education major, said she is celebrating the holiday with friends.

"Me and three of my friends are

having a date night and making dinner together," Hearn said.

Taylor Beesley, a junior sociology major, said she is going out with friends.

"I'm going on a date with one of my best friends to see 'The Vow,'"

Gay said. "I hate the mushy gushy love stuff, I'd rather spend the day with my friends."

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UNIVERSITY BOARD

UB to host special Valentine's Day events

By Jordan Jasin
Staff Reporter

Chocolates, flowers and stuffed animals are the typical gifts that are given and received each year on Valentine's Day—at least here in the United States.

The University Board Special Events is hosting "UB Loved" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Feb. 13 in the Bridge Lounge of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

"UB Loved" is an event where students and staff can stop by a table and pick up a carnation for someone special.

Cards will be available as well, to write a personalized note to that special someone.

Danny Turano, the vice chair of the UB, said he thinks the self-esteem of students will increase after receiving the card or carnation.

"Just because you don't have a significant other doesn't mean someone isn't thinking about you," Turano said.

If weather permits, a golf cart will also be going around campus from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. passing out carnations and cards, which will have pre-written messages and poems on them.

"We will be passing out carnations to anyone, just to brighten up their day, especially if they don't have a loved one," Turano said.

There will also be the "Love, the International Language" cultural arts event next week.

This event is taking place all day Monday through Friday in the union. Students can see how Valentine's Day is celebrated in different countries and cultures.

Karla Centeno, the cultural arts coordinator for the UB, said 10 displays will be scattered throughout the Bookstore, Bridge Lounge and Food Court in the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

Each display will be about a different country containing information on how Valentine's Day is celebrated.

The displays will include beliefs, customs and pictures about each country.

Some of the countries that will be present are Australia, China, France,

Japan and South Africa.

Although, there will not be any guest speakers throughout the week, students will have a chance to learn about the other cultures way of celebrating through a variety of activities.

On Feb. 14, there will be three different activities, which will relate to some of the customs of the countries displayed, Centeno said.

Centeno said from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., anyone is welcome to partake in these activities and broaden their horizons about how Valentine's Day is celebrated internationally.

In Australia, a historical tradition involved giving a satin cushion with perfume on it to another person, Centeno said.

This will be one of the activities that students can participate in and get a sense of the culture.

Turano said another activity will involve students using beads to make names.

"In South Africa, they pin the name of their loved ones on their wrist," Turano said.

Centeno said the different activities will help spread other's cultures.

"I hope that students will be able to gain knowledge about the way others celebrate because it is important to understand," Centeno said.

Both of these events are in perfect timing for Valentine's Day.

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STAFF EDITORIAL

Student input could help in hiring process

Every year, departments go through the process of hiring new faculty members. Sometimes the potential professors get a chance to really interact with the students they would end up teaching.

But most students only meet professors after they have been hired, usually on the first day of class the following semester.

More departments should take the initiative get student input during the hiring process.

Student input is important consideration, since students will be dealing with those professors regularly and relying on them for their education.

While colleagues get to enjoy professors in the comfort of weekly department meetings, students have to face future professors three times a week in the classroom.

Students also get the pleasure of seeing all those red ink marks on their papers and hear the professor's lovely voice everyday in lectures.

Student input could help department leaders gauge how candidates relate to students and hear feedback on matters that may not otherwise occur to them.

It also seems a little more fair to students and professors. Students are, in effect, clients in the relationship, and ought to have a say in which professors they are paying to educate them. Also, new professors would know they are starting with the support and confidence of some of their students.

We're not suggesting students have veto power over future hires. A lot of factors go into hiring decisions, and students might not be well-informed enough on the particulars. But we think student input would only aid administrators in their decisions.

Departments could implement a system where each candidate guest-teaches one of the higher-level classes in the department, then have students complete a survey on whose teaching style was the most effective.

Alternatively, department leaders could ask candidates to give a lecture in the evening. The candidate could discuss his or her research and open the lecture to questions for discussion. This would give the candidates an opportunity to show their passions and wouldn't interrupt class time.

Students could speak with and meet with the prospective professors personally, then fill out a survey explaining which candidate they like and why.

Current professors could encourage students to attend the evening lectures by offering extra credit for those who attended.

Professors are in the habit of offering extra credit and this would emphasize to students the importance of participating in this process.

This system may not be most efficient hiring process, but it would lead to a happy relationship between the future professor and students.

Professor-student relationships are a crucial aspect of any college education.

Having students partake in the hiring process will only further Eastern's reputation for having strong professor-student relationships.

COLUMN

Dear lazy US networks: leave my telly alone!



Shelley Holmgren

I love British television. I would never come out and say I'm an Anglophile, because I'm not pretentious or ridiculous (mostly). But you get the picture. Every night, Netflix feeds my insatiable need for dark British humor. Give me "The Mighty Boosh," "IT Crowd" and "Snuff Box" any day. However, there seems to be an unsettling trend of U.S. producers "Americanizing" overseas shows. And sometimes there are scary results. I'm talking Gary Bussey scary.

Bleeding Cool recently reported that CBS is working on getting an U.S. version of BBC's "Sherlock" green-lit, which they will aptly call "Elementary." I'm calling shenanigans. Yeah, that's right. If you haven't seen "Sherlock," you are missing out. Benedict Cumberbatch as the modern-day Sherlock is full of snark and charm (all I'll say it - swag). And no American actor could do the character more justice.

However, not all American adaptations are horrible. David Fincher's "Girl With the Dragon Tattoo" is a prime example of how to produce a foreign film for American audiences. It still featured the Swedish culture and maintained most of the main character's nationalities - it just presented it in a way that was more crisp and dynamic. I would argue that I actually prefer it to the Swedish version of the film, mostly thanks to Trent Reznor and Atti-

cus Ross' glorious musical score and Rooney Mara's performance (and tattooing abilities).

Back in 2011, MTV attempted to bring E4's "Skins" to American audiences. And it was a hot mess, but definitely not in a good way. The show is built around a group of very dysfunctional and out-of-touch teenagers - so basically a rough night for the Lohan family. But, whereas the U.K. version was actually quite compelling, MTV's version had as much depth as an episode of "America's Next Top Model." It was a blessing it did not get renewed for a second season.

A shining example of how to adapt an overseas show for American audiences is "The Office." I've been deeply devoted to this NBC comedy ever since it premiered in 2005. However, anyone that has seen both the American and U.K. versions of "The Office" will tell

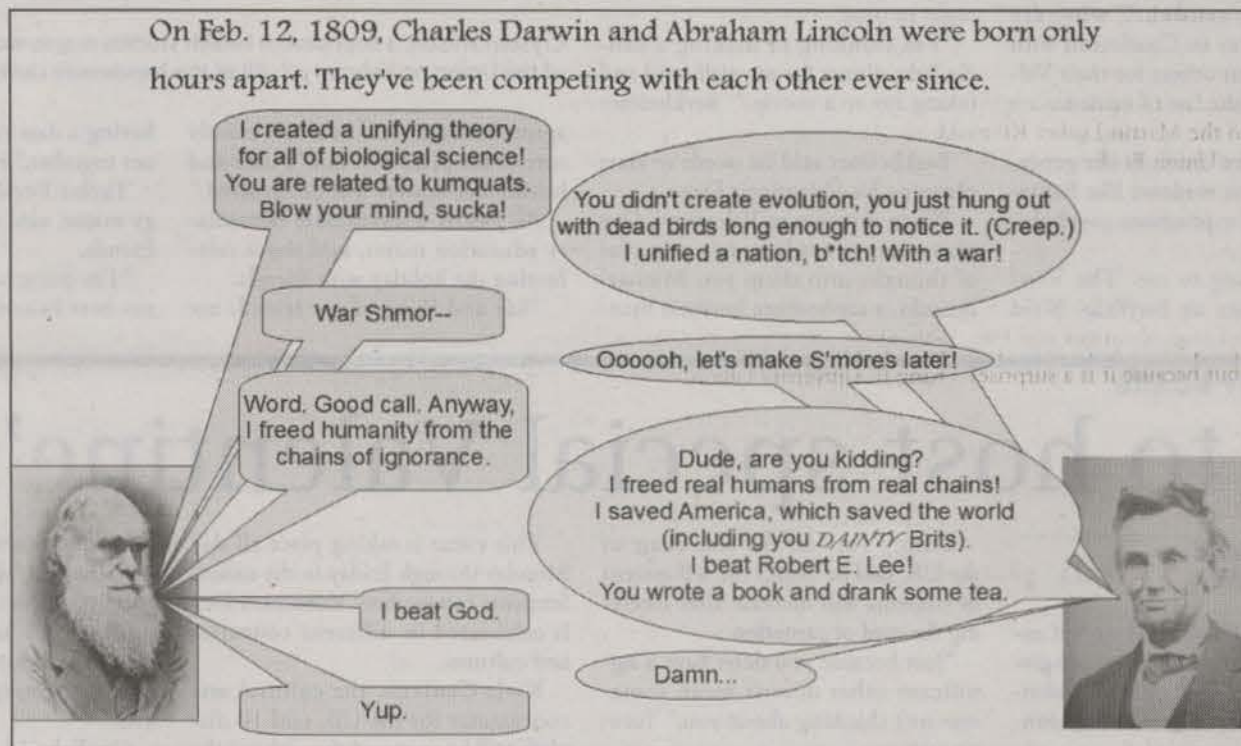
you they are severely different. And that's a good thing. Whereas Ricky Gervais' comedy for the overseas version is more dry and candid, the writers of the American version (most of whom were cast members) really capitalized on Steve Carrell's knack for the absolutely ridiculous. It worked, up until Carrell left ... but this is still a bitter subject for me.... Moving on.

So how do you make a successful Americanized adaptation? Know your audience. I cringe in fear just thinking of the day when U.S. producers attempt to massacre "Dr. Who." Few things make me more dizzy with happiness than seeing David Tennant in Converse sneakers as my favorite Time Lord. The same as tacos, comic books and "Hocus Pocus" - "Dr. Who" is sacred to me and should not be touched. Why? Because mass American audiences would not understand the humor (or the supreme greatness).

So please, Mr. Hot-Shot American producers who lack original ideas for producing television shows, if you're going to adapt something, do it right. Oh, leave "Dr. Who" alone.

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FROM THE EASEL



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GUEST COLUMN

Student Senate supports students, against SOPA

By Zach Samples
Student Senate Speaker

It has come to my attention that a Feb. 2 article in *The Daily Eastern News* has led to much misunderstanding as to the Student Senate's position on the recent SOPA and PIPA bills that have gone before the U.S. Congress. It is true that both SOPA and PIPA are currently tabled in Congress, but what is also true is that the primary authors of each of these bills hopes to revise said bills and come back to the floor with them.

The letters that were gathered and the resolution that was authored were written to show senators Durbin and Kirk that the student body of Eastern is vehemently opposed to SOPA and PIPA bills in any form: current or future. I can understand where the confusion may have come from, since the title of the article was something to the effect of, "Senate Supports SOPA Resolution." As outlined in the student body constitution and the Student Senate bylaws, it is the role of the Student Senate to gather student opinion on issues that directly affect them and act on said opinions. Due to the fact that SOPA and PIPA would directly affect students, we believed (and still do) that we needed to show our representatives in Washing-

ton that our students are opposed to SOPA and PIPA in any form. I can do nothing but apologize for the misunderstanding that has come from our serving the students.

I would also like to take the opportunity to address a few issues that have come to my attention recently. First and foremost, if ever you are faced with a problem that you feel the Student Senate could look into, please do not hesitate to let us know about it. Instead of feeling helpless, stop by one of our meetings and let us know about the problems that you are currently facing.

In yesterday's guest column, a concerned student raised the issue of student employment in Taylor Hall and how the information had not been getting out to students. Instead of dealing with the problem for a month, the student could have stopped by one of our meetings or our offices and the problem would have been looked into. As the Student Senate Speaker, I can assure you that we now have a team of Student Senators looking into this very problem.

Furthermore, we did not take any money away from University Board. University Board, the student government, and the Student Recreation Center (partially) are funded by the Student Activity fee. Due to the decrease in enrollment, the fee money available for this year

was significantly less. Each of the three organizations made an equal cut of 13 percent of each of the respective budgets.

Our senators are involved on campus in a number of different organizations and furthermore attend countless RSO meetings each month. That is how we receive student feedback. However, communication is a two-way street. If you are having a problem, please never hesitate to stop by our meetings or our offices to address it. I know that in the past Student Senate has not provided the best results when dealing with problems in the past. I can assure you today that our organization is readily equipped to work on issues that affect students. It is true that some issues that face students are out of our control, but that does not mean that we can at least look into the issues. Just give us a chance.

Our meetings take place every Wednesday night at 7 p.m. in the Arcola/Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King, Jr. University Union. If you are unable to make that meeting time, please stop by our office, which is located across the hallway from the Panther Print and Copy Center in the Student Activity Center of the Union. I hope to see you stop by.

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STUDENT SENATE

Senate discusses, plans 'Blue Out'

By Amy Wywialowski
Staff Reporter

The Student Senate will discuss and finalize plans for its "Blue Out" event as well as discuss budget freezes for the Student Recreation Center, student government and the University Board. "Blue Out" will take place at the Feb. 15 men's basketball game and will consist of spirit contests and getting the Eastern and Charleston communities involved to support the team.

Erin Deason, a freshman political science major and student senate member, is the chair of the Student Senate Student Affairs committee, which is teaming up with the Student Senate Internal Relations committee and Student Senate External Relations committee to put on the event.

Deason is a freshman political science major.

"We will have a 'Show me the Blue' contest to judge those people who dress in the most blue and spirited outfit," Deason said. "There will be a student and future panther category to get the community involved."

Each winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate to the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union Bookstore.

Deason said there will also be raffles, and she is working to set up a super fan table to possibly hand out pom-poms.

"We're working on a surprise involving student government and the fight song, but because it is a surprise I can't talk about it yet," Deason said.

Along with the Student Senate External Relations Committee, the Student Senate Internal Relations Inter-

nal Relations committee is getting involved by making the night an official Student Senate bonding activity.

In order to get to the game on time, Deason and the other chairs of the supporting committees have proposed a resolution to get the Student Senate meeting moved to 6 p.m. on Feb. 15.

Roberto Luna, a senior finance major, is also a Student Senate member.

"I think the last time they pushed a meeting was for the (Greek Life) award banquet," Luna said. "It's really good they are all working together and we already have this allotted time so it works out to do an activity."

Also on the agenda is a proposal to approve budget freezes for the Student Recreation center, student government and the University Board as recommended by the Apportionment Board.

The changes come because of an overestimation of enrollment and fees that would be collected on the part of Eastern.

"We've had to make adjustments with printing costs, with a few programs we've doubled up and put two adds on one, as well as teaming up with other organizations to help cut costs," Luna said. "We know there is not a lot of money, since every week we hear the numbers getting lower and lower."

The Student Senate will be meeting today begins at 7 p.m. in the Arcola-Tuscola Room of the Martin Luther King Jr. University Union.

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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Black Knights of the Embarras is a group that seeks to form camaraderie and friendship among student veterans, traditional and nontraditional students and their families, as well as to provide support.

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Hamilton said he did not know anyone when he came to campus, but as soon as he did, he began receiving emails about veterans programs on campus like the Black Knights.

"(Ruybal) brought us all together and we started meeting at Roc's and hanging out a lot as a group," Hamilton said. "I realized the Black Knights were a group where I belonged, not only because they

were veterans, but because they understood me."

Hamilton said the group has gotten him through any problems he has had, and how he considers them his brothers.

"We have a bond that's pretty much inseparable," he said.

It is those types of characteristics that he looks for in an organization, Hamilton said.

He said he tried to join Greek Life, but there had always been a missing piece until he found the Black Knights.

"Here, I'm among family, and family is the most important part of life," Hamilton said.

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Joel Ranson, the electrical inspector with the city of Charleston, received a letter of commendation from the Charleston Fire Department.

Ranson was driving past apartments on Sixth Street on Jan. 20 when he said he noticed the building smoking and preceded to call the police.

After calling emergency services, Ranson said he began knocking on doors, alerting residents of the fire.

Gail Mason, a retired communication studies professor at East-

ern, addressed the council on Tuesday about issues she has with the Charleston Police Department's Facebook page.

Mason said she feels the individuals whose mug shots and alleged crimes that have been posted on the page are being subjected to public humiliation, harm to future opportunities and emotional harm to families.

The council also approved the purchase of a new influent pump at the Waste Water Treatment Plant, which was designated as an emer-

gency purchase.

The council also unanimously passed a resolution that allowed students intern services from Eastern to be provided for the city of Charleston Waste Water Treatment Plant.

"For a number of years, we have used students as interns on a part time basis," Rennels said.

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"I want to show it doesn't take that much to be a revolutionary," Anderson said. "You can have a wonderful life, but try to support businesses that turn out role models for our kids."

Anderson said that even in a community without a black owned business, such as Charleston, residents can still take action in supporting black business.

"Do some research for the places you go to all the time," Anderson said. "See

if they're doing anything to help underserved communities."

Anderson was accompanied in her speech by the book's co-author and Pulitzer Prize winning Eastern alumnus Ted Gregory, who began working with Anderson after being impressed with her integrity.

"I come into contact with a lot of people who can talk and blog and tweet," Gregory said. "They decided

they needed to talk the talk and walk the walk. I don't see that very often."

Gregory added that he was happy to be back at Eastern and was delighted to see the level of commitment to diversity on campus.

"It's wonderful to be back under these circumstances," Gregory said. "Seeing such support on campus underscores how open minded it is."

Glenn Herring, a graduate student,

said he was initially skeptical about partaking in a African American Heritage Month event, but found Anderson's speech inspiring.

"It wasn't a presentation, but a truth," Herring said. "When we accept the truth we will move forward as a society."

Anderson said she is hopeful for the future of her project and thinks the Empowerment Experiment will continue to bring attention to the needs of black

communities.

"The Empowerment Experiment is working, that's why I'm here today," Anderson said.

"We can't imagine now not doing something every day to support our community."

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TRACK

Boey, Romero, Riebold earn honors

Women's team signs four runners

By Dominic Renzetti
Sports Editor

Red-shirt seniors Zye Boey and Donald Romero, along with red-shirt sophomore Jade Riebold all earned Ohio Valley Conference honors after their performances at last weekend's Notre Dame Meyo Invite.

Boey, who won the 200-meter dash and finished second in the 60-meter dash, is taking home OVC Male Track Athlete of the Week honors for the third straight week. Boey has won the 200-meter dash four times so far this season.

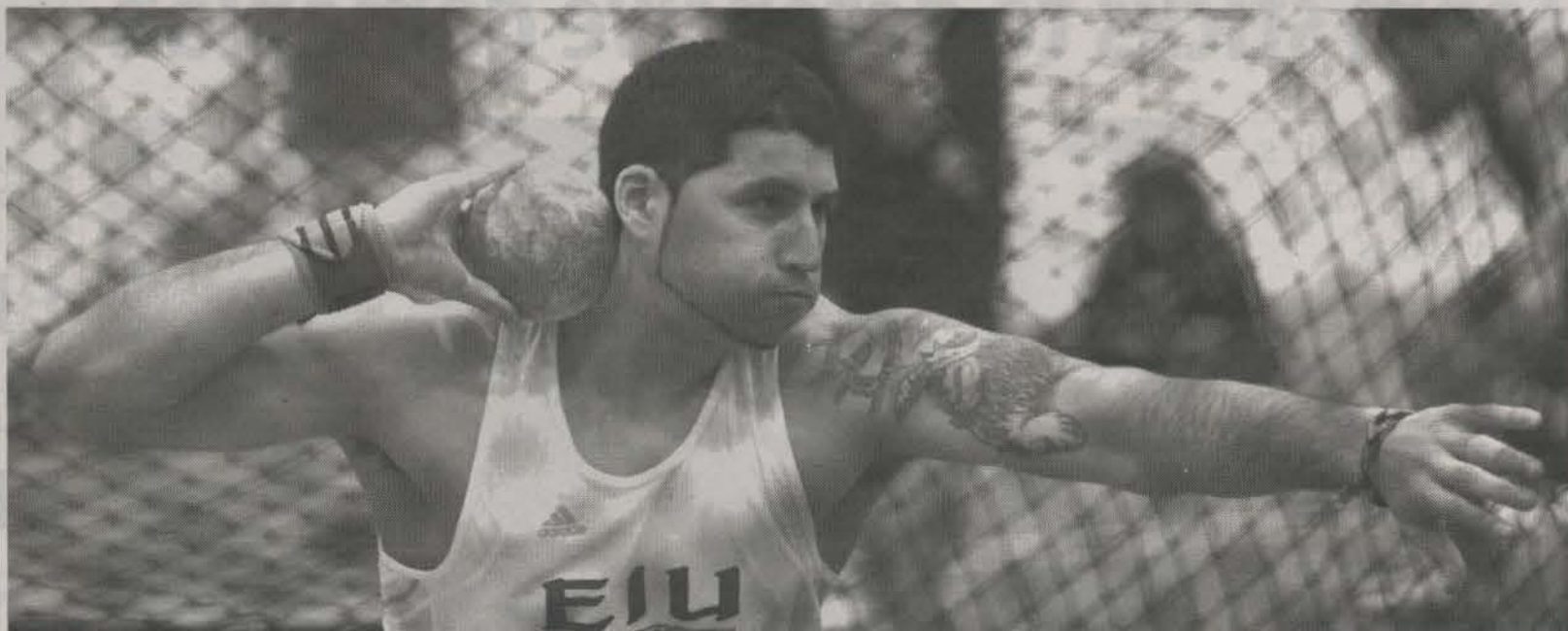
Romero and Riebold are each earning OVC honors for the second time this season. Romero was named OVC Male Field Athlete of the Week, following a second place finish in the weight throw, recording a mark of 65-feet, 9-inches. Romero now has the No. 2 all-time mark in Eastern history.

Riebold, who was named OVC Female Field Athlete of the Week, vaulted 13-feet, 1.75-inches, breaking her own school record for the second time this year.

Four sign to team for next season

Janie Howse, Victoria Quarton, Kristen Rohrer and Amy Yeoman have all signed letters of intent to join the Eastern women's track and field and cross country team next year.

Howse, who comes to the Panthers from Assumption, was a three time IHSA Class A state qualifier in the discus, and two time qualifier in the shot put at Moweaqua Central A&M High School.



Red-shirt senior thrower Donald Romero prepares to throw the shot put during the John Craft Invite Jan. 21, in the Lantz Fieldhouse. Romero came placed third in the event.

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"Janie is a very athletic and well rounded athlete who will bring intensity and passion to the program. She has been shown how to throw the hammer and has the flexibility and athletic ability to develop into a javelin thrower," assistant coach Jessica Sommerfeld said, in a press release.

Quarton, of Litchfield, placed ninth at the IHSA Class A cross country state meet with a time of 17:55 on the three mile course.

"Victoria has an incredible amount of upswing in the sport of distance running. Her passion for running is contagious, which is an important element to being successful at the Division I level," head cross country coach Erin Howarth said, in a press release.

Rohrer, of Petersburg, was a two year athlete in track and field and

cross country at PORTA High School. She qualified for the IHSA Class A state meet her junior year in the 800-meter dash, and finished 32nd and 29th in her two years at the cross country state meet.

"She is a tremendous athlete in general and brings a lot of excitement to the incoming class. She already has great low end speed, but add a few more years of miles to her legs and the sky is the limit," head coach Tom Akers said, in a press release.

Yeoman, also from Petersburg and PORTA High School, was a four-event qualifier at the IHSA Class A state track meet as a junior competing in the 4x400 relay, 4x800 relay, 400m and 800m events.

"Amy has a beautiful stride and will add a lot of power to the track

team," Akers said, in a press release.

Top ten finishes pile up for team

The Eastern men's and women's track and field teams competed at the Notre Dame Meyo Invite this past weekend, with the team racking up several top ten finishes on both the men's and women's side.

In the men's 4x400-meter relay, the team of freshman Stefan Gorol, sophomore Cody Boarman, and red-shirt juniors Joe Augustine and Sean Wiggan finished in fourth place, crossing the finish line in 3:14.36. The time now ranks as the No. 6 all-time mark in Eastern history.

In the pole vault event, red-shirt sophomore Mick Viken finished sixth in the men's event, vaulting 16-feet,

11-inches. On the women's side, junior Abigail Schmitz finished ninth in the women's event, vaulting 12-feet, 8-inches. Schmitz now ranks No. 2 on the all-time Eastern list behind Riebold, who broke her own record for the second time this past weekend.

Junior Bryce Hogan also entered the all-time Eastern ranks. Hogan finished fifth overall, landing 23-feet, 11.50-inches in the men's long jump. Hogan now ranks No. 10 on the all-time Eastern list.

The Panthers will compete next Friday and Saturday at the Grand Valley State Invite.

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The Panthers should be OK winning a defensive game as they have one of the best defensive units in the Ohio Valley Conference.

The Panthers have the No. 1 scoring defense, allowing only 59 points per game; No. 1 field goal percentage defense with opponents only making 36 percent of their shots; and No. 2 three-point defense with opponents

making 28 percent of their shots.

Around the OVC

The Panthers remain the No. 1 team in the Ohio Valley Conference with Tennessee-Martin a close second.

The Panthers, undefeated in the OVC, handed Tennessee-Martin its only conference loss of the season.

The Skyhawks are 10-1 in the OVC.

Southern Illinois-Edwardsville is in third place in the conference standings; however, this season they aren't eligible for the OVC tournament in Nashville, Tenn.

Tennessee Tech is No. 4 in the conference with an 8-4 OVC record.

The Panthers are preparing for back-to-back OVC road games

against Tennessee-Martin and Tennessee Tech.

The Panthers will play Tennessee-Martin Saturday followed by Tennessee Tech on Monday.

Eastern hasn't played Tennessee Tech yet this season.

The Tennessee-Martin game is a big rematch from earlier this season when Eastern beat them in Lantz Arena;

however, Saltee said he didn't even know they played them Saturday until his assistant coaches told him after Monday's game.

"I didn't even know," Saltee said.

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Schmitz will also be looking for the performances of pitchers like junior Troy Barton and red-shirt senior Mike Hoekstra, and position players like red-shirt senior Ben Thoma and junior Ryan Dineen to lead the Panthers this season.

"Troy Barton has really been the guy that is just getting better and better," Schmitz said. "He is a junior arm who just seems to be dominating in the scrimmages."

Barton posted an ERA of 3.50 to go along with a record of 3-4 during his sophomore season.

"Mike Hoekstra is fifth-year senior who is just Mike," Schmitz said. "He does a great job and we know what we are going to get out of him."

Hoekstra posted a 5-6 record with a 5.53 ERA during his junior season. Hoekstra also led all Panthers in strikeouts with 50, and also led the team in innings pitched with 84.2.

On the offensive side of the ball, the Panthers will be counting on the production Thoma and Dineen, to pace the offensive attack.

Thoma is coming off of a season where he led the team in RBI's (37) and home runs (11) while posting a .266 batting average.

"Those are the guys its kind of been like 'wow,'" Schmitz said. "I'm seeing a lot of difference in them maturity wise. That's really what the key was last year. We didn't get any big hits the entire year, and that takes a special person to come through in those situations, and those two guys (Thoma and Dineen) are doing really well right now."

Eastern will open its season against Mississippi Valley State on Feb. 17, before playing a double-header against Jackson State and Mississippi Valley State the following day. The Panthers will conclude the season-opening tournament with a game against host Jackson State on Sunday, Feb. 19.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Team sticks to defensive gameplan

Team shows it's willing to win many ways

By Alex McNamee
Staff Reporter

The Eastern women's basketball team bought into what head coach Brady Sallee was asking them to do for Monday's game against Eastern Kentucky.

Sallee said he knew the Panthers were going to have to win the game by being tough and playing good defense, because the film of Eastern Kentucky showed they matched up with the Panthers pretty well.

"I knew they weren't going to just let Ta'Kenya (Nixon) come down and shoot lay-ups, throw it into the post and have our way," Sallee said.

Sallee said he felt his team was tough enough to respond in a physical game.

"I implored them to wear that toughness on their shoulder so to speak," Sallee said. "Just to be that and be OK with winning a game defensively."

The Panthers had won their previous four games by an average of 19.5 points and scored more than 70 points in each of the last nine games. Monday, they scored 64 and won by 13 points.

Sallee said the Panthers' defensive effort allowed the team to get into the 60s in points.

"That defense led to us probably getting into the mid-60s in a low possession game," Sallee said.

Sallee said he told the team after the game that if its forced to win a game defensively, they should be OK to do that.

"That's what we do. That's who we are," Sallee said.

Junior guard Ta'Kenya Nixon said the team knows how important defense is to being successful and to winning games.

"We definitely know defense is going to win us a championship if we happen to win one," Nixon said. "We're willing to do that, to play that tough defense."

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Senior forward Chantelle Pressley goes for a shot during Eastern's game against Eastern Kentucky Monday in Lantz Arena. Eastern beat ECU 64-51.

VIEWS



Alex McNamee

EKU player flipped off EIU fans

Eastern Kentucky's Marie Carpenter gave "the finger" to a group of swimmers from Eastern Illinois during Monday night's women's basketball game between the Panthers and Colonels.

While waiting for the referee to hand her the ball for an inbounds pass a few feet in front of where the swimmers were sitting, Carpenter put one hand behind her back, curled her wrist and made a fist with all of her fingers except the middle one, which was pointed sharply toward the sky.

I was sitting at the end of the press table, a few feet to the right of where Carpenter stood, and her gesture could not have been more obvious for those who were paying attention.

When I saw it, I was stunned. I've never seen anything like it at a game I was covering and I've been the women's basketball beat writer for three years.

There wasn't a huge reaction from the swimmers other than a slight roar from the group of five or six, but maybe the roar wasn't even necessary.

The war between the fans and Carpenter was over. Fans win.

The swimmers were in Carpenter's head, and worse she let them know they were.

Carpenter strutted around the court most of the game with a cocky smirk and tattoos up and down her right arm, so the swimmers continually shouted at her:

"Hey, Lil Weezy," they shouted. "Lil Wayne!"

At one point the music from Jeopardy! was playing in the arena and one clever swimmer shouted, "Answer? Lil Weezy. Wager? Young Money!"

The swimmers weren't doing anything wrong. They were just being passionate fans, trying to help the Eastern women's basketball team stay undefeated in Lantz Arena by heckling and annoying the opposition.

Clearly it worked, and it raised some questions.

Seeing a player raise her middle finger to opposing fans made me think about the effects of a rowdy home crowd on a visiting team.

Time and time again, Eastern head coach Brady Sallee says Lantz Arena has great fans at the games. Multiple players said they feed off the crowd's energy during games.

But I've always wondered what effect the same crowd has on the visiting team.

I always thought the affects were minimal, until Carpenter did what she did.

Sometimes I can tell a player is frustrated and distracted on the court, but I would never expect them to take their anger out on the fans, and let fans win.

I suppose this shows the effectiveness of Lantz Arena's crowds and the truth behind what Sallee and his players have said many times.

The crowd affects the players, in good ways and bad.

This time around, the fans in Lantz Arena got inside the head of Carpenter and it affected her play so much that she felt it necessary to make an inappropriate gesture.

As the saying goes, Carpenter left it all out on the floor Monday night, including some of her dignity. And we all know what they say about dignity...

Your dignity is inside you. Nobody can take something away from you that you don't give to them.

Carpenter must not have gotten that memo.

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BASEBALL

Panthers prepare for season opener

Panthers primed with pitching in 2012

Jordan Pottorff
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Eastern's baseball team will begin its season at the Jackson State Tournament in Jackson, Miss., on Feb. 17.

The Panthers return the majority of key players from the 2011 team, and will rely heavily on the success of the pitching staff in 2012.

Eastern's schedule is headlined by games against two 2011 NCAA Tournament participants, and games against opponents in

nine different conferences.

The Panthers will kickoff their season with a 23 game road trip that will have them playing in five states before taking the field at Coaches Stadium. The Panthers will compete in the Jackson State Tournament, the Evansville Tournament and the Florida Tournament before returning home. The Panthers will also play a three game series against Southeastern Louisiana and South Florida, and will make one game pit stops to face Louisville, Southern Illinois-Carbondale and Indiana State before beginning conference play.

Coming off of a disappointing season where the Panthers had trouble executing scoring opportunities and completing games,

Eastern head coach Jim Schmitz is relying heavily on the success of his pitching staff and small ball to lead the team in 2012.

"Fall ball is probably the most important thing we do," Schmitz said. "We talked about last year being disappointing, and offensively we didn't have much in terms of a speed game or a bunt game to create some things. We went out and did things to better out team and brought in a little more speed for this season."

With the addition of a speedy offensive game plan, Schmitz also has the luxury of pitching depth to guide the Panthers through the season.

"The pitching staff has been our constant," Schmitz said. "The bullpen has been something

Projected Batting Lineup

1. Caleb Howell
2. Tyler Schweigert
3. Ryan Dineen
4. Ben Thoma
5. T.J. McManus
6. Dave Ciaglia
7. Jacob Reese
8. Brant Valach
9. Nick Priessman

we have struggled with in the past, but its good as it has ever been with three of four guys (this year)."

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